

PRIVATEER PERSONALS.

PRIVATEER TOWNSHIP, March 23, 1896.

Dr. E. A. Wyman preached an interesting and thoughtful sermon at Bethel Church yesterday, after which the church had a conference and called him to the pastorate for the remainder of the year. In accepting the call he made a short talk, in which he said he hoped we would all dwell together in harmony, for harmony was love and love was of God.

The Home Branch Church, in northern Clarendon, authorized that the same minister who should be called to Bethel, should be called there and Dr. Wyman went to that church yesterday afternoon. It is understood that the Wedgefield Baptist Church was to take action yesterday and call Dr. Wyman there.

The Rev. Mr. Billings has accepted the call to the Providence (in this township) Packville, Graham and Dudley Baptist Churches.

Mrs. Annie Wise, wife of Mr. John Wise, was buried at Bethel on Wednesday. Dr. Wyman officiated at the funeral.

Mr. Charles Dwight, of Winstonsboro, who has recently been visiting relatives in the lower portion of the State, paid a passing visit to Mr. Willie Cain's family (who are also his relatives) as he was returning home. Mr. Dwight was on Gen. Kershaw's staff in the Confederate War.

Mr. R. S. Weeks, of Colleton, has been on a brief visit to his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Kingman. He is the general agent of the Union Central life insurance company, which he represents in the counties of Berkeley, Orangeburg, Colleton, Hampton, Beaufort, Barnwell and Aiken.

Two of Privateer's little girls, little Misses Annie Dwight and Hattie Ramsey, attend the Middleton school in an adjoining township. The school is taught by Miss Cassie Lynum of Privateer.

It may be of some interest to students of English history to learn that there are living in Privateer Township, over 39 descendants, through female lines, of one of Oliver Cromwell's soldiers. The name of this long-ago soldier was George Wright. We read that he had been in the army under Oliver Cromwell and came and dwelt at what is now Rehoboth, in Massachusetts, and removed to Flushing, on Long Island. George Wright has descendants living in other portions of South Carolina besides this township. Among his Privateer descendants we may mention the names of Masters George Nettles, Seppy Whilden and Ernest Bradford.

Mr. R. J. Price, of Williamsburg, has removed into our township and expects to make his home here.

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LAMAR LOCALS.

Improvements in the Town—Items of Interest.

LAMAR, S. C., March 23 1896.—Measles and mumps are still raging in this section. We hear of several new cases every day, however only a few cases have proven fatal.

Dr. Watson has completed and moved into his new office on Main Street.

Work on the Baptist Church is progressing finely and will probably be finished and ready for dedication by the last of April.

Mr. J. W. Smith returned from Charleston, a few days ago where he had gone to purchase his Spring stock.

The local Military Company has received new caps, badges and drum which add much to the appearance of the "boys in blue."

B. G. P.

Wedgefield Letter.

WEDGEFIELD, S. C., March 23, 1896.

Mrs. Julia Moseley, wife of Mr. J. M. Moseley, died on the night of the 22nd inst., after a long and painful illness. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in the Wedgefield cemetery yesterday (Sunday) afternoon. She leaves a husband, six sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. Mrs. Moseley had been for years a strict member of the Baptist church, and the Christian patience and fortitude with which she bore her sufferings, without a murmur, always praying to God for more strength, and to be resigned to his will, make all who knew her feel quite sure that her soul is at rest and now enjoying the richest blessings of heaven, that only those who are faithful unto the end ever realize. As was well and beautifully said in her funeral sermon, "her children and this community should be thankful that such a Christian mother and friend ever lived." In the absence of a Baptist minister Rev. Mr. Dowell, of the Methodist church conducted the funeral services. He preached a beautiful and impressive sermon, taking as his subject the Christian life and character of Job, which he made very appropriate. The community have the most profound sympathy for her family. Her funeral was one of the largest ever had in this place.

The Methodist of this circuit have no parsonage and they determined to have one, and met on last Saturday to decide at what place on the circuit it should be. We are very pleased to say that they displayed, in our humble opinion, very good judgment indeed in selecting Wedgefield. They have a very pretty site on the church lot, so we hope very soon to have a new parsonage and parson to grace our town.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

The Union of the Waterers Association will meet with the Mt. Zion Baptist church in this city, on Saturday, March 28, at 10 o'clock, at the Lincoln school house. Preaching at 11 o'clock. Owing to the multitude, the Court House has been granted to us on Sunday. Sunday school at half-past 9 o'clock; preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. D. Dinkins, of Manning; 3 o'clock by Rev. H. Hunter.

We ask the public to attend, and also our white friends to come and help us in finishing our church on Council street.

Rev. S. P. TAYLOR,
Pastor, and President of Union.

The Mayor's Salary.

The amount of salary to be paid the Mayor of this city has been more or less discussed recently, and there is some misapprehension concerning it. Some people are laboring under the mistaken idea that the City Council may increase the salary at pleasure. This cannot be done by the council, as it would be in violation of Section 4 of an Act of the Legislature, approved December 24, 1883. The section is as follows:

"Section 4. That the Mayor of said 'City of Sumter' shall receive a salary not exceeding the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, and he and said Aldermen shall be exempt from street duty during the terms of their office."

A special act of the Legislature will be required to increase the salary of the Mayor, and the only method by which the compensation of the Mayor could be increased would be by the Council voting him a sum of money as a sort of bonus or free-will offering.

The Protective League.

Messrs. W. S. Jones, C. D. Schwartz, J. L. Haynsworth, R. D. Cuttino, A. W. Crosswell, W. Y. L. Marshall, Barrow Walsh, Moses Green, D. J. Chandler, I. Schwartz, R. H. Baker, J. H. Levy, and N. G. Osteen, Jr., attended a meeting in the store of W. L. Shaw last night and organized the Merchants' Protective League of Sumter.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. R. H. Baker, and the object of the meeting was stated. Mr. Barrow Walsh was elected President and Mr. W. S. Jones Secretary and Treasurer. A committee consisting of R. H. Baker, J. H. Levy and I. Schwartz was appointed to formulate plans and rules for the management and regulation of the League.

The Merchant's Protective League met in the Y. M. C. A. Reading Room at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, with the president in the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved, the election of a collecting agent was had. Mr. C. M. Hurst, Jr., was declared elected, a ballot showing that he received the greatest number of votes.

It was decided by resolution that the collecting agent be paid a salary of \$1 per annum by each member of the League, in addition to the 10 per cent. commission on all moneys collected by him.

A committee of three, consisting of Messrs. R. H. Baker, D. J. Chandler and L. B. DuRant, was appointed by the president to interview the merchants who had not become members of the League, and induce them to join.

A resolution was unanimously adopted admitting county merchants to membership in the League.

By motion it was decided that the rules of the League go into effect on April 1st, 1896.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26th, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Shores's Heavy Loss.

T. C. Shores, a distiller of Smithville, Sumter County, came to the city to-day and went to the Carolina Bank to deposit some money. He counted out his checks at a table and went to the cashier's window to deposit them. He left a pocket book containing \$200 on the table and when he returned it was gone. A number of people were in the bank, but Mr. Shores being a stranger did not know any of them and has no idea who got the money. He returned home and the police are investigating the case.—Columbia Cor. of N. & C.

Public Sales.

BY THE MASTER.

The following sales are advertised for Sale-day in April—in each cash terms cash: Welborn J. Andrews and the Bank of Sumter against Della Lawson and G. A. Brown—Ten acres bounded by lands of B. J. Barnett, estate of Mrs. Jos. Brown, and Mrs. Charlie Vaughn and others.

Catherine K. Frierson against Horace L. Darr, Leila B. Mayes and Josie B. Mayes—Lott in City of Sumter on Calhoun Street bounded by land of Hieser, Phelps, and Bultman.

Mary A. Epperson against Jas. Wallace Epperson and Robert Wingate—Lot corner of Calhoun and Main Street in City of Sumter—measuring 141 by 193 1/2 feet.

No sales are advertised by the Sheriff.

Is it "overwork" that has filled this country with nervous dyspepsia?—that takes the flesh off their bones, the vitality from their blood, and makes them feeble, emaciated and inefficient? No. It is bad cooking, overeating of indigestible stuff, and other health-destroying habits.

The remedy is an artificially digested food such as the Shaker Digestive Cordial. Instead of irritating the already inflamed stomach the Cordial gives it a chance to rest by nourishing the system itself and digesting other food taken with it. So fresh and strength return. Is not the idea rational? The Cordial is palatable and relieves immediately. No money risked to decide on its value. A 10 cent trial bottle does that.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe.

Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at J. F. DeLorme's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

H. G. Osteen & Co., make a specialty of paper, and now have the finest and most complete selection of paper ever in Sumter. They sell more paper for the same money than can be bought elsewhere. Store on Liberty street, next to the *Watchman and Southron* office.

From the Wires

March 21.

The Prince of Monaco has extended the lease on Monte Carlo for fifty years.

The weekly trade journals report that trade throughout the country for the first quarter of 1896 is disappointing. There has been a better trade in shoes and some industries and a squeezing of short sellers in cotton. Those who were hopeful a month ago are waiting, but not so hopeful now. Failures for two weeks of March cover liabilities of \$6,799,397, against \$3,372,471 last year. Obstructions to recovery are to be sought primarily in the reaction after the unnatural passion of demand and prices last year.

A blizzard prevailed throughout northern New York yesterday, blocking the highways with snow and delaying trains.

A preliminary report presenting a concise statement of the Chickamauga park project was agreed upon by a joint committee of congress yesterday.

The steamer *Hevelius*, Captain Stapleton, which arrived at New York yesterday, after being detained at quarantine for disinfection for yellow fever, reports great mortality from yellow fever at Rio Janeiro. For two weeks prior to her departure there were 451 cases and 139 deaths.

A sensation has been created in North Carolina by the adoption by the State Republican committee of a joint resolution taking from Chairman Holt the power to look into contests, and vesting it in the committee. Chairman Holt says he will follow the old plan.

The senate committee on appropriations concluded its consideration of the legislative bill yesterday. A net increase of \$165,109 is made in the house bill. The bill as it will be reported to the senate will carry \$21,545,874.

General Neal Dow, of prohibition fame, celebrated his 92nd birthday yesterday. He received numerous congratulations and is in excellent health.

At a meeting of the Richmond Riding and Driving association held Thursday night it was decided to have a spring race meeting on May 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. Purses to the amount of \$3,000 will be offered.

On account of the death of Governor McLaurin's daughter yesterday afternoon the Mississippi legislature did not adjourn, but will adjourn from day to day so the governor may have time to act on 100 unsigned bills now on his desk.

The senate committee on territories yesterday ordered a favorable report on the bill admitting the territory of Arizona to statehood. Mr. Call of Florida voted against the report.

The house postoffice committee yesterday reported favorably the bill to regulate the pay of letter carriers. It fixes the pay of carriers in cities of more than 75,000 population at \$600 for the first year's service, \$800 for the second, \$1,000 for the third and for the fourth and thereafter \$1,208 per annum. In cities of less than 75,000, the salaries for the first three years are the same and that for the third year, \$1,000, is the maximum.

Consul General Williams at Habana reports that Olivera Agramonte, the alleged American who was imprisoned, is a Spanish subject. This disposes of the case, so far as the United States is concerned.

The treasury gold reserve yesterday lost \$682,500.

Nashville, Tenn., March 20—A special from Jackson, Tenn., to The Sun, says: Dr. Stinson and Mr. Joe Benson were poisoned last night by the latter's son placing rough on rats in the coffee. Benson had been reading wild west literature. Both parties are dying. Young Benson has been arrested and lodged in jail at Lexington and has confessed his crime. There were several others present and drank the coffee.

Bradstreets says to-day that trade throughout the United States for the first quarter of 1896 has been disappointing.

The Dervishes of the Soudan have declared a holy war against Egypt.

March 23.

Raleigh, N. C., March 22—Major John C. Winder died at his home here at 2 o'clock this morning, aged 64, of paralysis and heart disease. He was a son of Gen. John H. Winder, and was a graduate of West Point. He was born at Southport, N. C. He was engaged in important civil engineering work in various parts of the country, and was for four years chief associate engineer of the Croton Aqueduct at New York. He was connected with the Seaboard Air Line, first as general manager and then as vice president until last year and ranked as one of the ablest railway men in the South. He will be buried here to-morrow afternoon.

Lancaster, Ohio, March 22—Uncle Jimmy Hooper, who was born in slavery in 1806, is dead. From his birth to the emancipation of the slaves Hooper was owned by John Kerr, of Augusta, Ga. He delighted in the distinction at the age of 18 as the special servant of Gen. Lafayette when the French officer was a guest of Mr. Kerr in 1824. Hooper was brought to Lancaster in 1862 by Gen. Sherman's family. He enlisted and served under

Sherman. He was wounded in battle and for the last few years has lived on his pension.

McKinley has captured the Minnesota delegation to the Republican nominating Convention.

A serious revolution is going on in Nicaragua, and it is feared that the other Central American republics will be drawn into the row.

The Commodore, the swift little steamer which left Charleston last week loaded with arms and ammunition, has returned without the arms and minus twenty members of the crew.

Mr. Sam Scott, of Williamsburg county, was shot through the heart a few days ago and killed. The gun was accidentally discharged.

Tim Murphy was lynched at Huntsville, Tenn., yesterday.

Nashville, Tenn., has withdrawn from the Southern Baseball League.

Baldwin, Kan., March 22.—The South Kansas Methodist Episcopal Conference voted unanimously to admit women to the general Methodist Episcopal Conferences. The Kansas Conference did the same last week, and the Southwest Kansas Conference next week will probably do likewise.

March 24.

Policeman Jas. B. Kelley, of Orangeburg shot and instantly killed an unknown negro near the South Carolina and Georgia depot last night at 8.30 o'clock, while resisting arrest. The deceased appears to be about twenty-eight years old and is a bright mulatto. On one wrist was tattooed "Mc. S." The inquest will be held to-day when full particulars will be developed.

A small negro boy was killed by the South Bound passenger train on the Port Royal and Augusta road yesterday afternoon at about 4 o'clock. The boy tried to run across the track before the approaching train near Brunson. It was not the carelessness in the engineer, for the boy did not try to cross the track until the engine was within a few feet of him. The child was only two years old.

Ballington Booth is finding that the task of organizing an army is no snap. In fact it is said that he is swamped in the attempt. The uniforms of the men will be dark blue. The fatigue cap of the regulars will be worn by the men, while the officers will wear the cavalry hat, with the rolling brim.

Eight young athletes, representing the Boston Athletic association and Princeton college, sailed on the Fulda for Naples Saturday, to take part in the Olympic games at Athens next month.

General Stephen D. Lee, president of the State Agricultural college of Mississippi, has accepted the invitation to deliver the oration at the laying of the corner stone of the Jefferson Davis monument in Richmond on July 2.

The Centrists in the reichstage have decided to support the government's sugar bill on the basis of raising the premium about two marks.

Thirteen miners were killed in a mine at Dubois, Pa., yesterday by an explosion of fire damp.

The Glendon Iron Co., a million dollar concern of Easton, Pa., failed yesterday.

In Crowded Dungeons.

Hundreds of Innocent Men Buried Alive.

Staff Correspondence United Press.

Habana, March 21, via Tampa, March 23.—The arrest of suspects continue at such a rate that the prisons are now full and epidemics among the prisoners are feared. The Remedios prison is in terrible sanitary condition with 200 prisoners in quarters which are very much overcrowded.

At Sagua there are 226 prisoners, and there is room for no more. The same state of affairs prevails at many other points. The decrees of Gen. Weyler are being enforced with great harshness against the Cubans supposed to have Cuban sympathies. A state of panic as a result of these decrees and the action of troops prevails in all parts of the island occupied by the Spanish. The peaceable citizens have no fear of the insurgents, who follow more humane methods. It is absolutely impossible for correspondents to learn the whereabouts of the prisoners of war who are reported to be taken in the battles fought. The subordinate Spanish officers say that secret orders have been given to take no prisoners. The Cubans release all the Spanish soldiers captured. The Spanish give no quarter. So many plantation employees and managers have been butchered that the men dare not remain on the plantations and the women have been left in charge of them. The men hide in the woods at the approach of the Spanish columns.

Here is the proclamation of Gen. March, commanding the division of the First army corps, recently issued from headquarters at Holguin, Santiago province: "Be it known that the forces operating in the territory of this division have orders to fire without giving the signal to halt at any person who travels at night on the roads outside the towns and hamlets, and

for the purpose of preventing accidents this is hereby published for general knowledge."

This illustrates the kind of war Spain is giving Cuba. Even the Spanish officers are disgusted at the methods used.

Much dissatisfaction in army circles exists. Three hundred officers have applied for leave of absence and others are being sent home, having incurred General Weyler's displeasure. The following generals have failed to resist the enemy's operations in the provinces: Genls. Navarro, Canella, Mella, Aizpurna, Macon, Odonez and Cornell. Recent army operations against Genls. Gomez and Maceo have completely failed and apparently the only resource left is harsh measures against the unarmed residents, whether Cubans, Americans or other foreigners, on the ground that they extend aid and sympathy to the insurgent forces.

Foreigners have wondered how long civilized nations intend remaining passive. The authorities fail to protect the property and lives of foreigners. They continue throwing into prison, French, English and American citizens for political reasons. There is no evidence to warrant their arrest. The attention of the United States government should be called to the arrest of eight American citizens namely: Sanguilly, Cepero, Dygart, Rodriguez, Someilan (father and son), Quintera and Aguerro, who are in prison. Cepero is the only one against whom evidence of treasonable acts can be found. The others will probably remain in jail indefinitely. Sanguilly is the only one who has had a trial.

Editor Williams Breaks a Leg

Special to The State.

Greenville, March 23.—Last night A. B. Williams, editor of the Greenville News, was riding his bicycle on Washington street and in attempting to make a short turn at the corner of Main street the wheel slipped, throwing him heavily to the ground. As he fell his right leg caught in the wheel and the twist snapped the bone just above the ankle joint. Assistance reached him promptly and he was removed to his home, the residence of J. F. Richardson. The fractured bone was set and he passed a comfortable night, getting some sleep. His physicians think he will be up in two or three weeks and be able to get about on crutches.

The Sumter Music House, in Masonic Temple, sell Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines, true, for on a thousand bills that flag has been defended by the life blood of the South's noblest sons. When the Orchestras, catching the inspiration, began to play Dixie, they quit applauding and yelled. And so ended the Carnival.

Linon paper at 20 cents a pound package for sale by H. G. Osteen & Co. This is a bargain lot of 250 pounds that cannot be duplicated.

ST. VITUS DANCE.

A Physician Prescribes Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.: My daughter Mattie, aged 14, was afflicted last spring with St. Vitus dance and nervousness, her entire right side was numb and nearly paralyzed. We consulted a phy-



sician and he prescribed Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. She took three bottles before we saw any certain signs of improvement, but after that she began to improve very fast and I now think she is entirely cured. She has taken nine bottles of the Nervine, but no other medicine of any kind.

Know, Ind., Jan. 5, '95. H. W. HOSSTETER.

Physicians prescribe Dr. Miles' Remedies because they are known to be the result of the long practice and experience of one of the brightest, members of their profession, and are carefully compounded by experienced chemists, in exact accordance with Dr. Miles' prescriptions, as used in his practice.

On sale at all druggists. Write for Dr. Miles' Book on the Heart and Nerves. Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Remedies Restore Health.

Estate of Stephen Bracey, Dec'd.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on April 4th, 1896, for a Final Discharge as Ex'or of aforesaid estate.

REV. J. B. MIDDLETON,
March 4, 1896—41* Executor.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a Co-partnership for the practice of law, under firm name of Wilson & Hurst.

All business entrusted to them will receive prompt attention. Will practice in Sumter and adjoining counties.

H. FRANK WILSON,
C. M. HURST, Jr.

Jan. 9

Estate of F. W. Crosswell, Dec'd.

ALL PERSONS holding Claims against said Estate will present same duly attested, and all persons in any way indebted to said Estate, will make immediate payment to